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Club News

February 10th, 2015 Meeting

President Sang Ho Lee was absent due to illness. Past President Ed Woodall opened the meeting. Gail Moore gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests and Visitors

- None this week

General Announcements

- Ed announced the current birthdays and anniversaries, which are listed at the bottom of this page.
- James Honeycutt and Ryan Keur have program responsibilities for the next two meetings. For a complete schedule, click on the **Programs Schedule** link on the menu on the left.
- Ed reminded the club that we will sponsor a golf tournament hosted by the Alamance Country Club on Monday, April 20, with lunch at 11 am and a shotgun start at Noon. Cost will be \$500 per team. We hope to raise between \$3000 and \$4000 to enable us to adequately fund our adopted projects.
- February is Women in Rotary month. Anyone who brings a female prospective member will be given an extra card lottery ticket.
- The District Conference will be held in Roanoke, VA from April 30 to May 3.
- Ed mentioned that Tom Manning has relocated in Charleston, SC, where his daughter lives. He found a new job there.
- Randy Perkins leaves for India tomorrow to participate in World Immunization Day with his wife, Rita. God Speed, Randy.

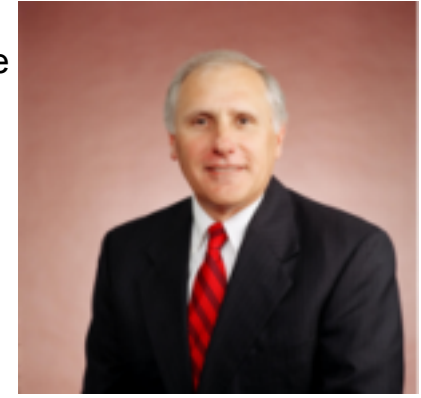
Happy Clams

- Carolyn Rhode paid her dollar to announce that Peanut Butter varieties of GS cookies were on sale for a mere \$4.
- Dick let us know that his wife had cataract surgery last Tuesday and is doing well.

- Katie Dukeshire could not resist the desire to crow about the Patriot victory at the Super Bowl. Mac was heard murmuring that he felt deflated by it all.

Don Jennings: Husband, Father, ECU Grad, Banker, and Rotarian

Don Jennings had program responsibilities for today's meeting. Before introducing his speaker, as is our custom, he took a few minutes to share a little about himself. He is currently the senior vice president and area executive for Burlington and Gibsonville at Select Bank and Trust. He has lived in the Burlington area for the last 20 years and has been a Rotarian for some 32 years. He is an East Carolina grad, is married, and has two grown children.



Bud Abbott: President of the [NC Coastal Conservation Association](#)



Bud grew up in Charlotte, attended ECU, and has lived in Alamance County for some thirty years. According to Don, he has the best possible situation, being a retired banker who fishes.

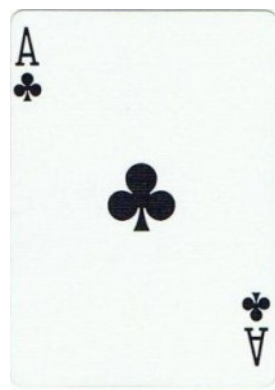
Bud told the club that CCA is the largest coastal marine conservation organization in the nation. It is functioning in every coastal state except California, where efforts are being made to set up a chapter there. Only one inland state has a chapter, Tennessee. CCA lobbies to affect both national and state legislation that will benefit coastal fisheries and conservation.

The two main foci of the organization in NC at present are eliminating the use of gill nets and otter trawlers in inshore waters. Abbott told us that gill nets catch and kill not only wanted fish but turtles, mammals, unwanted fish, and birds. He said NC is the only state in the nation that still allows their use, which makes us somewhat of a laughingstock. This is largely because too many commercial fisherman have been among the decision makers for coastal fishing regulations. The use of gill nets in NC requires the state to pay for federal overseers to inspect the catch at a cost to the state of \$1.7 million per year. This is extremely wasteful because the value of the catch is only \$1.2 million. Eliminating the use of gill nets would not only protect endangered animals, but it would save the state a lot of money. Abbott claims that funnel nets are able to catch the same amount of fish without wasteful killing.

Otter trawlers are being used in the Puget Sound by commercial fisherman, largely from out of state, because we are the only state which allows this destructive procedure. For every pound of shrimp and useful fish caught, 4.5 pounds of "bycatch" are destroyed. Last year some 21 million pounds of bycatch were destroyed, including young croaker, spot, and weakfish. The depletion of these species has impacted

those fish which feed on them. The southern flounder population is depleted, and nearly every category of fish in coastal waters has taken a hit over the last eight years. Abbott told us that trawling can be done in the ocean, but should never be allowed in inshore waters. Again, we are the only state to allow this practice. Fishermen should use channel nets and skimmer nets when fishing inshore because they kill less unwanted fish.

Bud encouraged us to refrain from buying any shrimp caught inshore by otter trawlers. He urged us to contact our state representatives to lobby for changes in our laws and to support CCA financially.



Card Drawing

Steve Carter represented the front table today but failed to pull the winning card. The law of averages predict a winner pretty soon, since only 18 cards remain, and one of them is the elusive Ace. The pot continues to grow, being over \$800 now.

Closing

As is our custom, we all stood to say aloud the Rotary Four Way Test, after which the meeting was adjourned by Past President Woodall. Until we meet again...

Club Related Dates

District and Club Business

- **2nd Tuesday of Each Month** - For officers and committee chairs, 11 am until Noon.
- **March 31, 2015** - Club Assembly
- **April 30 - May 3, 2015** - District Conference in Roanoke, VA
- **June 30, 2015** - Installation of New Officers and Board

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb	Birthdays	Feb	Wedding Anniversaries
2	John Beshel	18	Dick and Bebe O'Donnell
14	Pete Beck	24	Lloyd and Ethel Ann Carter
22	Chuck Stedman		
26	Julian Griffin		

Want to see when you have program speaker responsibilities? Simply click on the Programs link

below or the same link on the menu on the left above.

Programs Schedule



Meets on Tuesdays from Noon until 1 PM at 40 West Grill in the Ramada Inn in Burlington, NC

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